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STORY SO FAR...

Dr. Eggman has unleashed a Metal Virus capable of infecting living organic matter and turning it into zombie-like robots (Zombots) that can infect others and that respond only to his command. As the Metal Virus spreads, cities and heroes—including Sonic himself—have been infected.

Now, the Restoration is in their darkest hour. Tails discovered—and lost—the cure. Restoration HQ has fallen. Sonic has learned that the Zombots are out of Dr. Eggman's control. The world's nearly fallen completely victim to the Metal Virus, and now Tangle's home of Spiral Hill Village is infected, too...

ROLL CALL



SONIC THE HEDGEHOG

The Blue Blur.
Fastest thing alive.



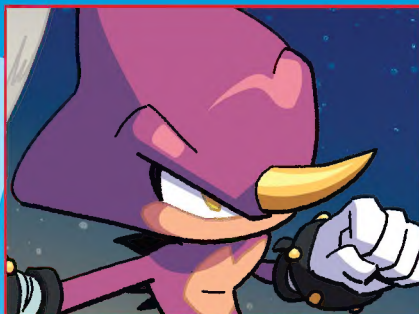
MILES "TAILS" PROWER

Tech-savvy Sidekick.
High-flying genius.



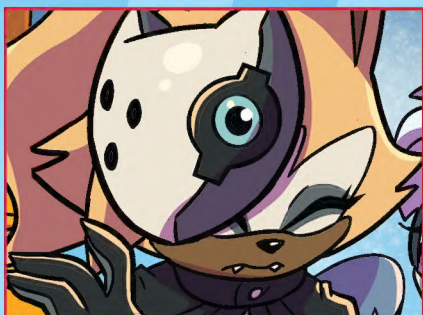
CREAM THE RABBIT

Gentle Heroine.
Still in shock.



ESPIO THE CHAMELEON

Ninja and Only Detective.
Chaotix Detective Agency.



WHISPER THE WOLF

Silent Sniper.
Variable-wispon master.



AMY ROSE

Hammer-swinging Heroine.
Restoration organizer.



GEMERL

Reformed Robot.
Cream's protector.



TANGLE THE LEMUR

Excitable Hero.
Elastic-tailed brawler.





LOOKS LIKE THE RESTORATION CREW IS ALREADY HANDLING THE EVACUATION.



I BETTER CHECK IN WITH AMY AND SEE WHAT I CAN DO.



ON SECOND THOUGHT—
ESPION NEEDS BACK-UP!



YO. THEY HAVE YOU FIGHTING THE WHOLE TOWN BY YOURSELF?

HEH. OUR NUMBERS HAVE GROWN THIN.

AMY AND GEMERL ARE WATCHING THE ESCAPE SHUTTLE. GEMERL IS SCANNING EVERYONE TO MAKE SURE THEY AREN'T INFECTED.

TAILS AND CREAM ARE AIRLIFTING ANYONE THEY CAN FIND.

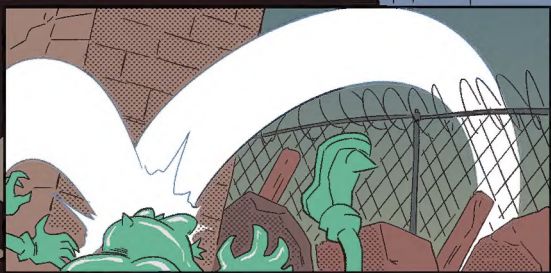
LAST I HEARD, SILVER WAS MANAGING ICE PARADISE ON HIS OWN.

THAT LEAVES ME, TANGLE, AND WHISPER TO CONTAIN THE ZOMBOTS.

YIKES. WHERE'S VECTOR?







HEY AMY!

SONIC!
FASHIONABLY
LATE, AS
USUAL.



YOU KNOW
HOW I LOVE
TO MAKE AN
ENTRANCE.

WHAT DO
YOU NEED
ME TO DO?



ESPIO, TANGLE, AND
WHISPER ARE KEEPING
THE ZOMBOTS
DISTRACTED WHILE
TAILS AND CREAM
FIND PEOPLE.



WE'VE MADE
A CHOKE POINT
SO GEMERL AND I
CAN HANDLE THE
ZOMBOTS THAT
DO FIND US.

WE'RE
NEARLY DONE,
BUT ONCE WE PULL
BACK TO RETREAT,
THE ZOMBOTS
ARE GOING TO
SWARM US.

SO COVER THE
ESCAPE. GOTCHA.
I'LL FIND TANGLE AND
SEE IF SHE'S GOT ANY
IDEAS. IT'S HER TOWN
AFTER ALL.





ALL RIGHT...
THEN LET'S
FOCUS ON
THE "NOW."
TAILS?

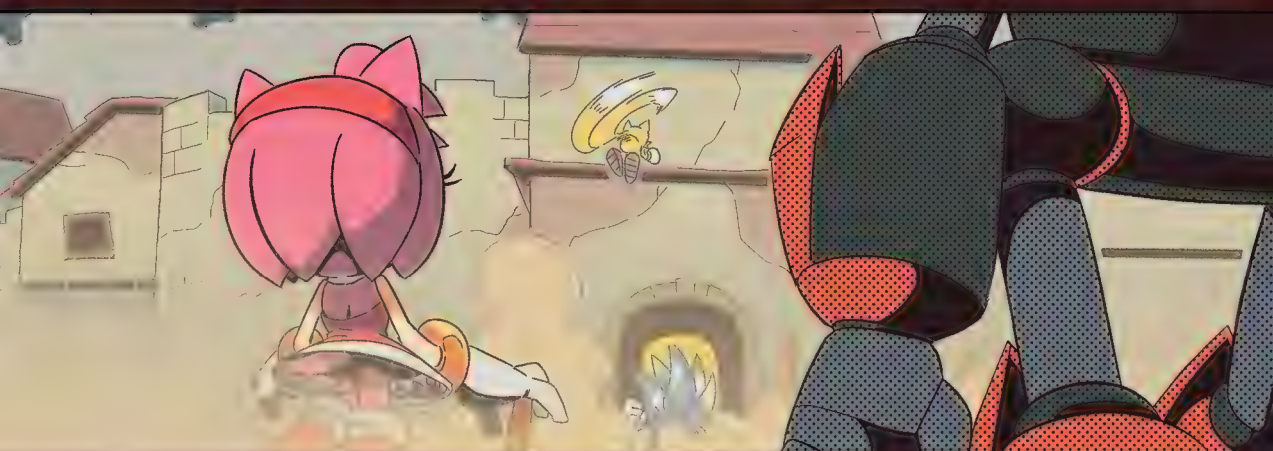
RIGHT.
=SNIFF= WE
COULDN'T FIND
ANYONE ELSE.
EVERYONE'S
BECOME
ZOMBOTS.



THEN IT'S
TIME TO GO.
GO SIGNAL THE
OTHERS TO
RETREAT.

RIGHT.
I'LL FIND
TANGLE AND
COORDINATE
WITH HER.

I'LL FIND
ESPIO AND
WHISPER,
THEN.

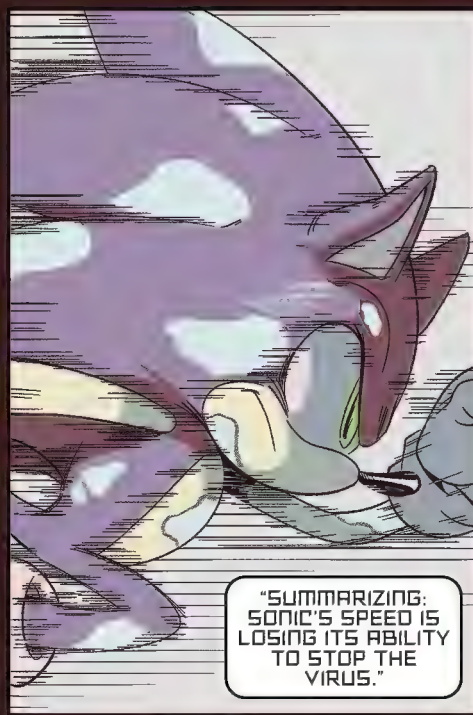


AMY ROSE, I
PERFORMED A
SCAN ON SONIC.

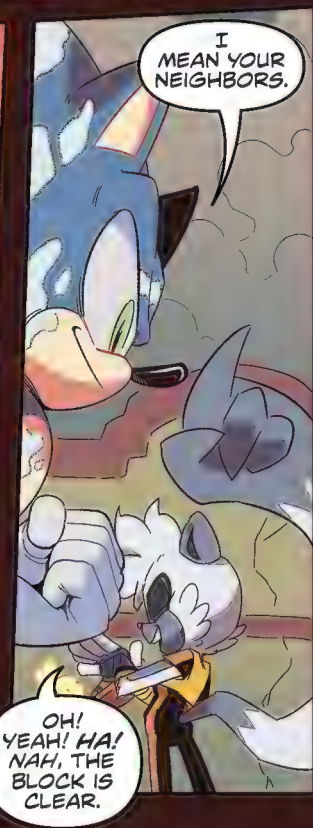
HE'S
INFECTED. WE'VE
ALL KNOWN THAT
FOR A WHILE.

CORRECT.
HOWEVER, I RAN
CALCULATIONS ON
THE LEVEL OF INFEC-
TION HE EXHIBITED.
IT IS HIGHER THAN
PREVIOUS ESTIMATES
SHOULD ALLOW.

IT'S BEEN
A LONG DAY,
GEMERL. WHAT
ARE YOU
GETTING AT?



"SUMMARIZING:
SONIC'S SPEED IS
LOSING ITS ABILITY
TO STOP THE
VIRUS."





AMY'S CALLING FOR RETREAT.
BUT THE MINUTE WE STOP
CAUSING A RUCKUS ALL
OVER TOWN...

THE
ZOMBOTS
WILL HEAD FOR
THE BIG, NOISY
SHUTTLE.
NOT GOOD.



THEY BLOCKED EVERYTHING
OFF EXCEPT ONE AVENUE.
ANY IDEAS ON HOW TO PLUG
THE BOTTLENECK?

I
SURE
DO!

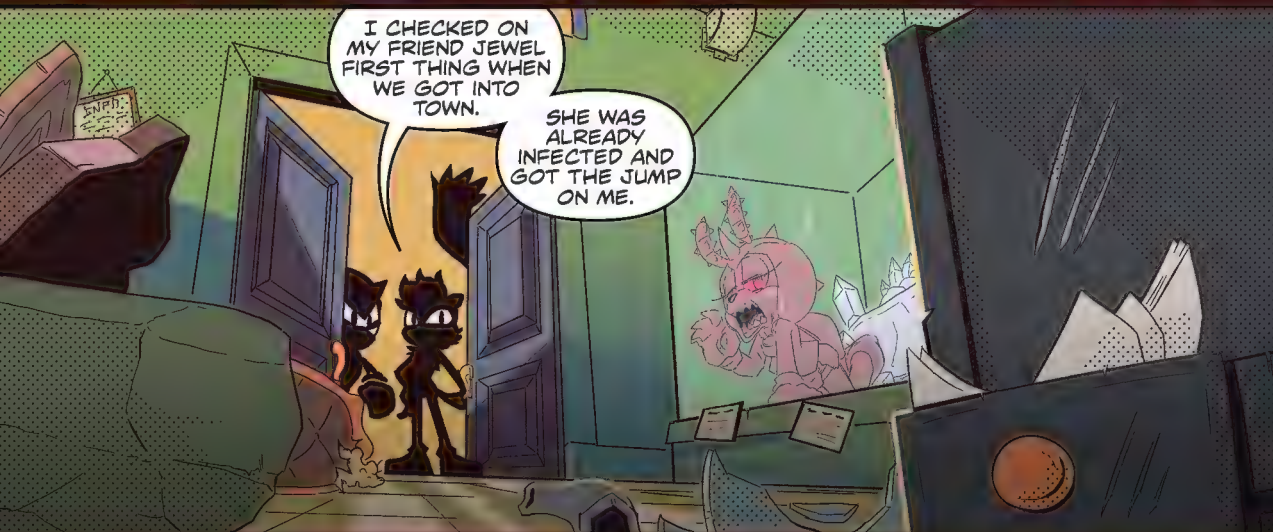


STEP THREE! YOU WIND US
BETWEEN THE LAMPOSTS
AND USE MY TAIL AS A
TRIPWIRE!

YEAH, THAT
COULD WORK.
EXCEPT FOR—
Y'KNOW—YOU
GETTING
INFECTED!



OH, THAT?
PFFFT!
ALREADY GOT
IT COVERED!



I CHECKED ON
MY FRIEND JEWEL
FIRST THING WHEN
WE GOT INTO
TOWN.

SHE WAS
ALREADY
INFECTED AND
GOT THE JUMP
ON ME.



I'VE BEEN
HOLDING BACK,
TRYING TO KEEP
FROM TURNING
TOO FAST.

BUT
I'M NOT
GOING TO
LAST MUCH
LONGER.

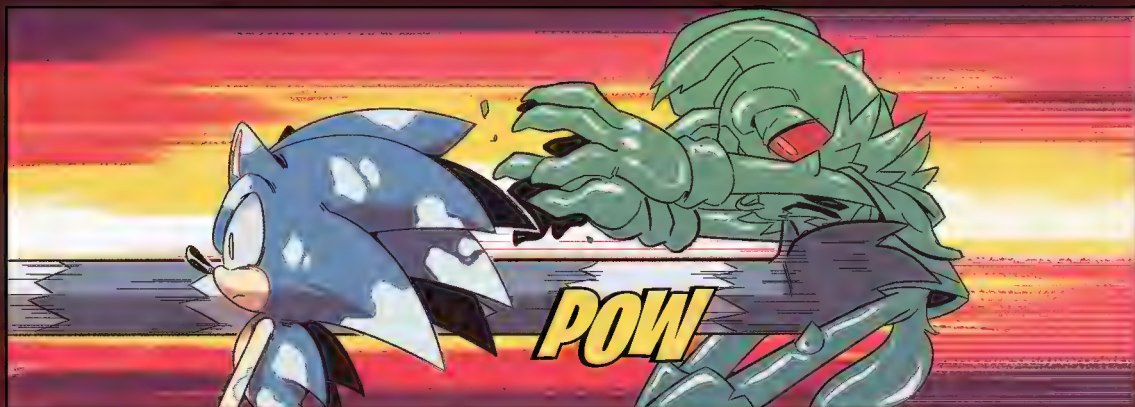


TANGLE... I'M
SORRY...

FOR
WHAT? IT'S
NOT YOUR
FAULT.



ISN'T IT? MAYBE
IF I'D LISTENED
TO SHADOW AND...
OR IF I HADN'T
LET METAL
SONIC GO...



YOU DIDN'T BRING EGGMAN BACK. THAT WAS STARLINE. YOU MADE SURE METAL WAS HARMLESS. EGGMAN WEAPONIZED HIM AGAIN.

YEAH, AND I HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO PROTECT MY FRIENDS. OR ANYONE ELSE.



YEAH? THEN I GUESS NOBODY'S GUARDING THAT SHUTTLE FULL OF NOTHING?

TANGLE, YOU... HEH. YOU'RE NOT GOING TO LET THIS GET TO YOU, ARE YOU?



NEVER!

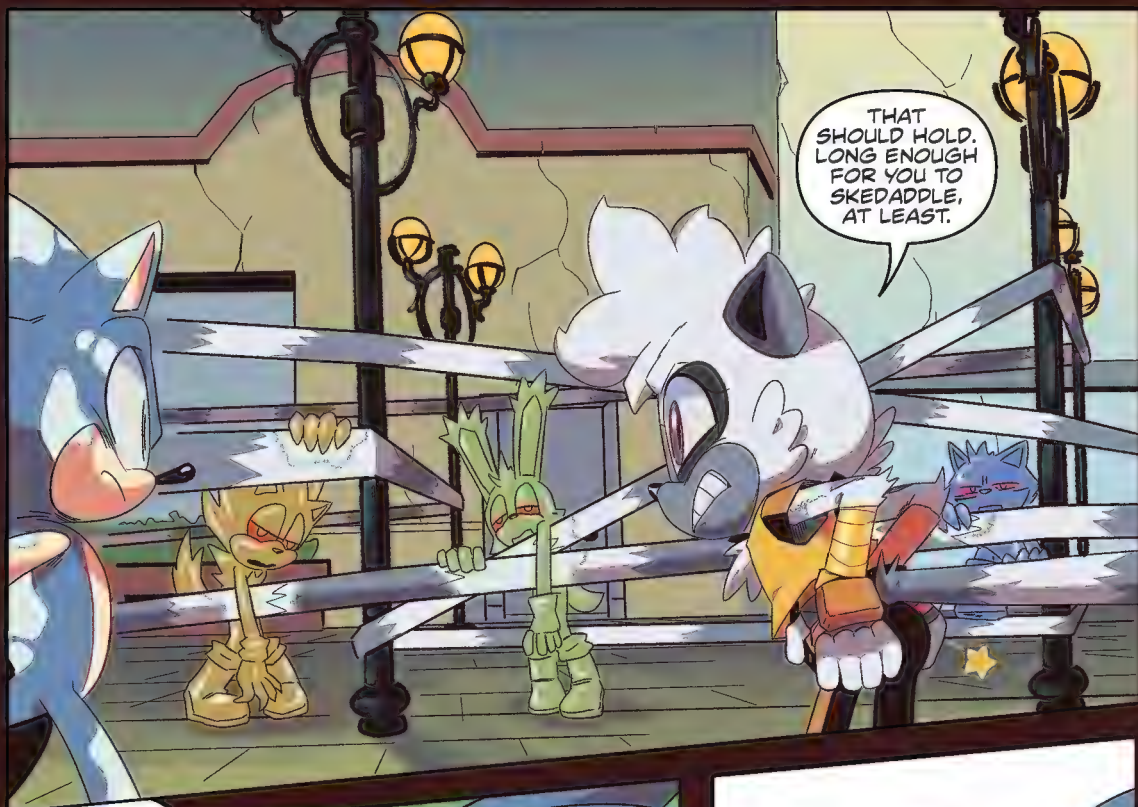


BECAUSE YOU'RE SONIC THE HEDGEHOG. YOU'LL SET THIS RIGHT. I KNOW YOU WILL.

NOW, LESS MOPING AND MORE MOVING!

YES, MA'AM!





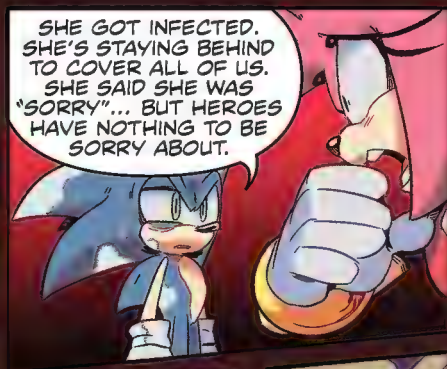


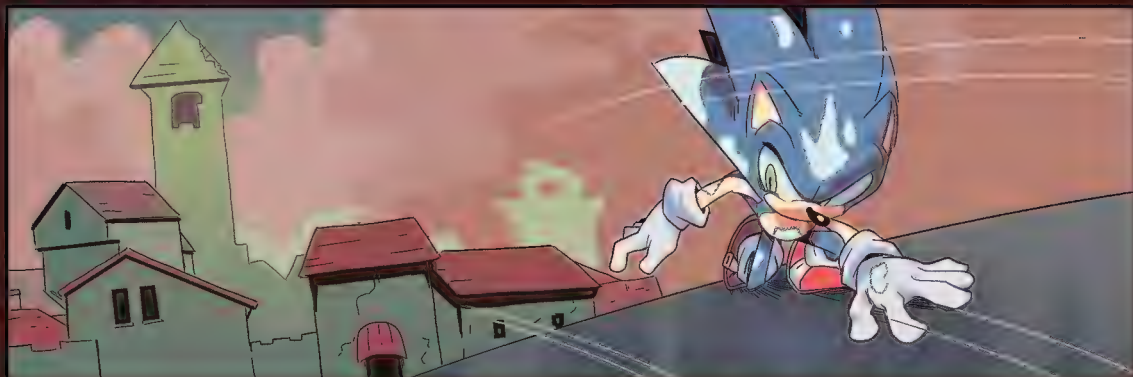
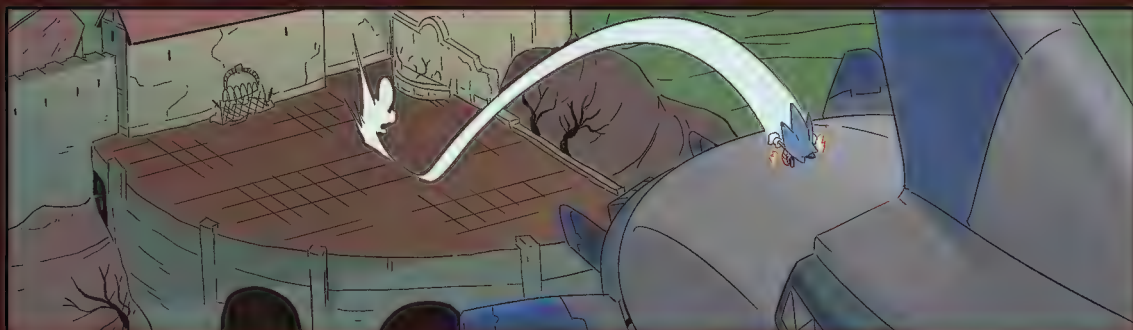
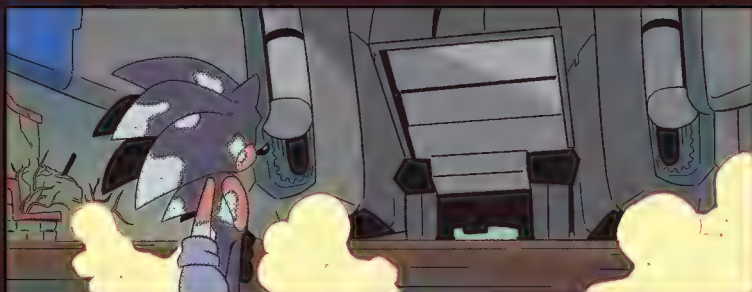
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LET'S
GO
THEN!

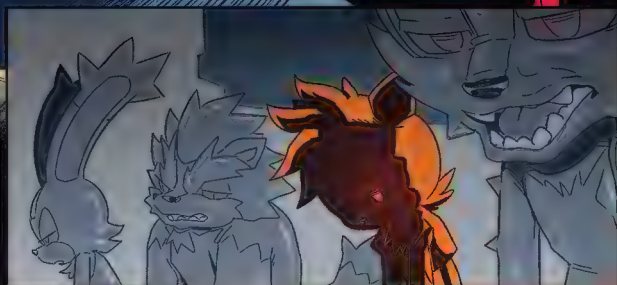
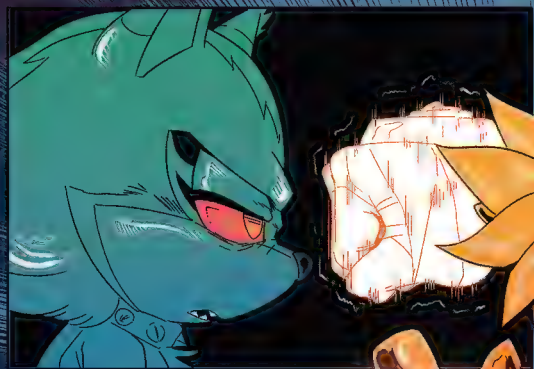


YOU MIGHT
AS WELL TURN
BACK! YOU USED TO
BE MY NEIGHBORS!
YOU KNOW I
WON'T LET YOU
PAST!









LATER—
ABOARD THE
FACESHIP.

DOCTOR, I HAVE
FOUND A SOLUTION TO
THE ONGOING PROBLEM
OF NOT BEING ABLE
TO CONTROL THE
ZOMBOTS.

I TOLD YOU
I'D FIGURE
SOMETHING OUT.
QUIT PESTERING
ME ABOUT IT!

NO,
SIR. I
INSIST.

**NEXT TIME:
FROM
BAD TO
WORSE!**



SONIC LETTERS SQUAD

Hello Squad! Wow. Just... wow. Tangle did something immensely brave and proved she's a hero. Here's hoping that Sonic and the team can find a cure soon. Thank you for joining Ian Flynn, Adam Bryce Thomas, Bracardi Curry, and Shawn Lee in "The Last One Out". Now as we eagerly await what happens next and the arrival of the Deadly Six, let's take a look at your art and letters!

Dear IDW,

I'm 11 years old and live in the Dominican Republic. I've been a Sonic fan since I was 5 years old. I've kept the fanning up to date. When the IDW comics came, I was desperate to have them.

I saw I could give fan art, so here I am. By the way, how did you choose who was affected by the Metal Virus? And why those characters? Those are my questions for now.

Hope the Metal Virus has a cure later on. Note: this art was made before issue 22 was out, so this means I didn't get to see Charmy as a Zombot, Vector hadn't sacrificed himself, and Vanilla hadn't been infected.

P.S. this was sent by my uncle, Stan Scoggins.

Sincerely,
Julio Muñoz

Hi Julio,

Thank your Uncle Stan for us for—we know he sends you the issues and it's way past cool that he encourages your reading! We love your roll call! You really captured everyone's personalities! Plus, it's nice to see folks like Knuckles and Blaze who haven't been around for a while! We also hope that the Metal Virus has a cure later on, but guess we'll have to wait and see...

As per your question on how we chose who was infected, actually, Tangle's infection in this issue was the very first one that we had in mind. A long time ago, before the first issue of the series was out, Ian Flynn pitched us on the Metal Virus story with this issue in particular and the dramatic Tangle extending her tail bit. Then, as the rest of the story was being developed and other things changed in the course of the book, who became infected and when just fell into place!

Hiya IDW!

I've been a fan of Sonic ever since I was at least 3 years old, and have always loved the franchise to death! And while I only got into the comics recently, they are probably my favorite thing the franchise has to offer! Last issue really tugged my heartstrings, makes me hope everyone gets a good ending after all they have gone through.

With both the Zombots and soon to be the Zeti the gang has to deal with, it's bound to be a tough battle ahead, but I hope the gang can pull through and beat all who oppose them!

I hope you enjoy my fanart!

Sincerely
Jared P.

Hi Jared,

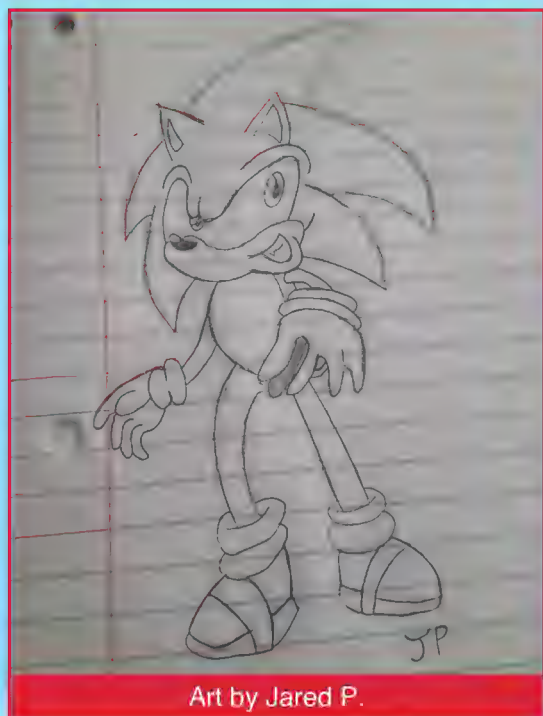
Well, as you can see, the tugging on heartstrings and threat of the Zombots and Zeti aren't over yet! Yeah, the gang's going to have a tough time ahead, but they've dealt with tough times before! If you're excited for more Zeti action, the Deadly Six will take center stage in the next issue, and it wouldn't be a big issue if we didn't bring in some help for the heroes too! The drama and suspense just keep getting better! Also, your fan art was really cool! Thanks for sharing!

Hi there, IDW Sonic gang!

I've been thoroughly enjoying the comic thus far, it's hard to imagine we're already pretty much through its second year of publication. I've been really enjoying the latest arc, and I particularly love



Art by Julio Muñoz



Art by Jared P.



Art by Marcie



Art by Wyatt Futa-Muise

how much organic development all of the familiar characters I love have been receiving. I've been a Sonic fan since age 5, and I'm currently 23 years old, haha. You guys' book is one of the few things that keep me looking forward to each new month, and I'm super excited to keep following it as long as it goes.

Best of wishes,
Marcie

Hi Marcie!

Very glad to hear you've been enjoying the comic and have been a fan for so long! One of the things we strive for with the series is to make it enjoyable for people who've been Sonic fans for a few days and people who've been Sonic fans for years! And giving characters the time to show who they are and who they could be is really important to us. We're glad you are also so excited to pick up each issue! Also, you make a really good point: We're basically through our second year (2020 here we come), and for that, we have a special announcement! Check it out!

Hey Sonic Squad! Before we wrap up this letters column, wanted to let you know that things will look a little different in the future! Issue #25—out in January 2020, is a really big deal for us, it represents two years worth of publishing and is a milestone issue in a lot of ways. As such, we're making it an extra-length issue with more story content for you, and we'll be giving the book a little bit of a redesign! All of your favorite features will still be here—the roll call, the story so far, the letters, but with a new design that celebrates the comics we've been making and the artists who work so hard on them! Can't wait for you all to see it!

For now, thanks for joining us, Squad! Don't forget to send your art and letters to letters@idwpublishing.com, and make sure to mark them: "OKAY TO PRINT!" And join the IDW Sonic Comics Squad on Facebook! Next issue is best described by the title: "A Sudden Shift"!

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KNOCK



WHAT'S THE
PASSWORD?

I DON'T
NEED A
PASSWORD,
FOR I AM THE
GREATEST
EVIL IN ALL OF
TOWNSVILLE...
I AM...



MOJO JOJO!
MWA-HA-HA!



STILL NEED
A PASSWORD.

SIGH...
"HONEYSUCKLE."

...AND THE
DANCE?

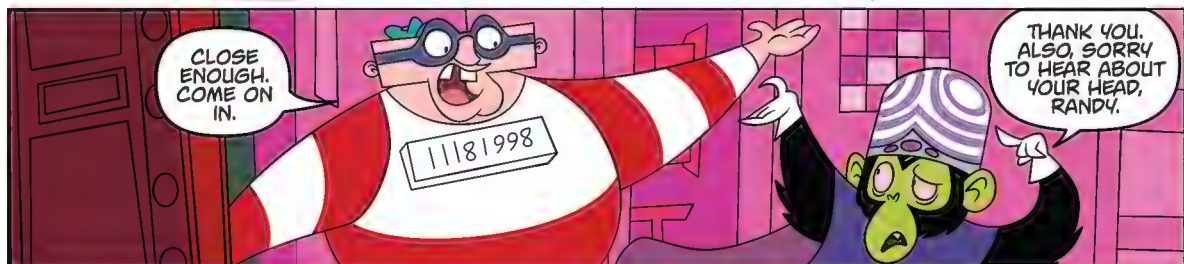


I'M
A SUPER
VILLAIN...

...SHORT
AND STOUT...

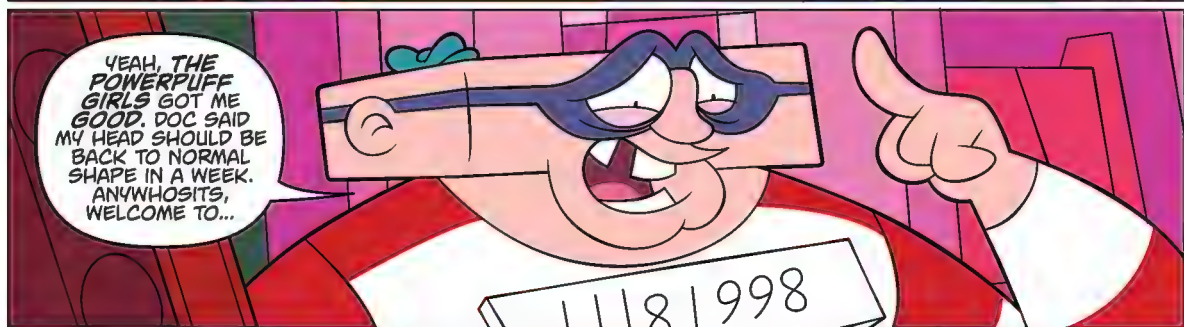
...CHALLENGE
ME...

...AND I'LL
TAKE YOU
OUT!



CLOSE
ENOUGH.
COME ON
IN.

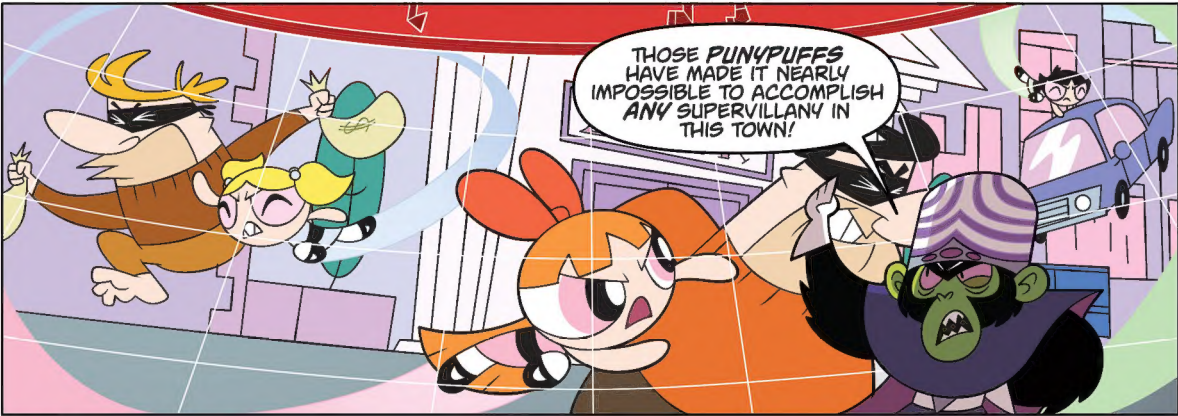
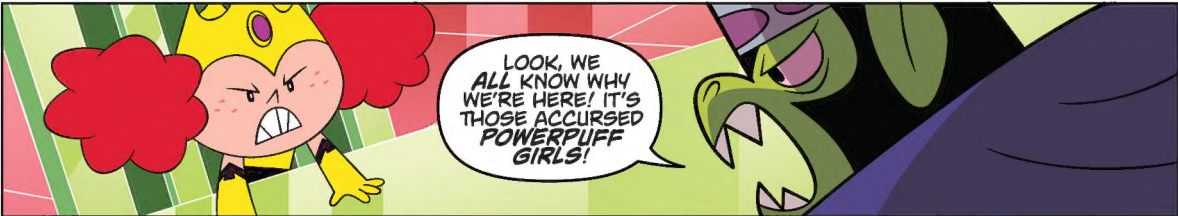
THANK YOU.
ALSO, SORRY
TO HEAR ABOUT
YOUR HEAD,
RANDY.

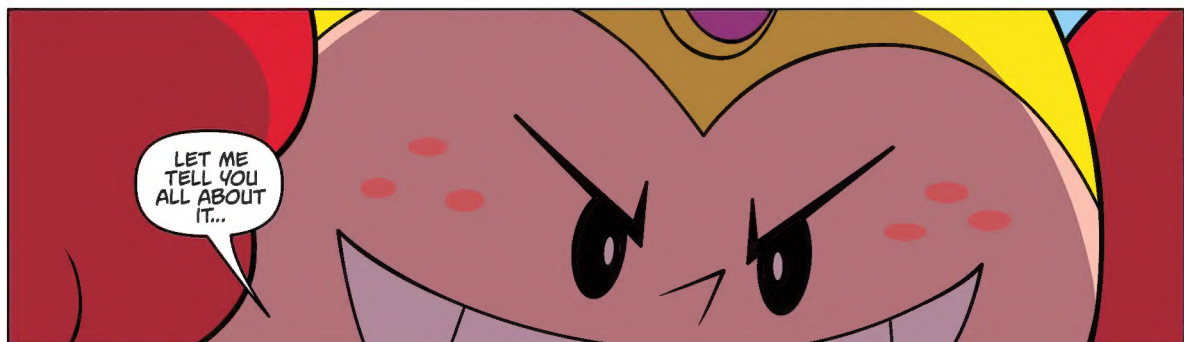
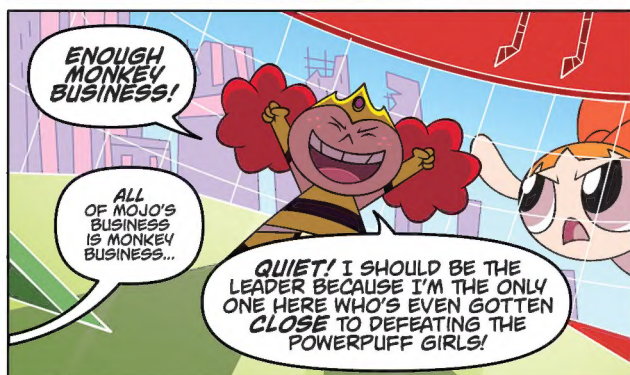
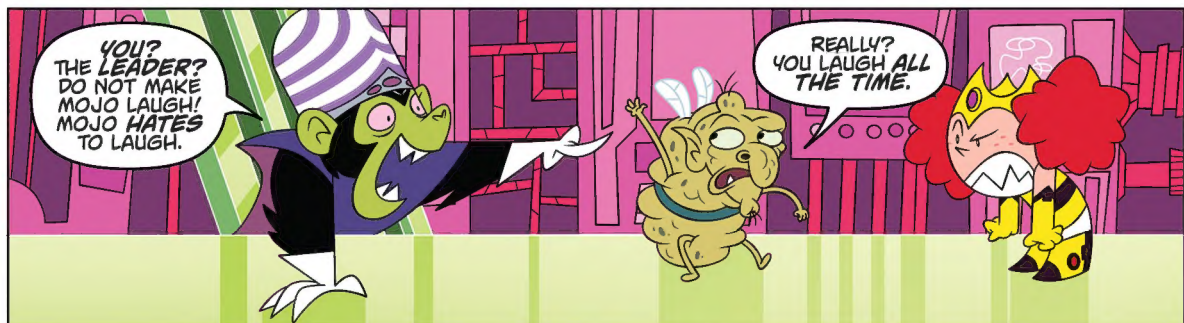


YEAH, THE
POWERPUFF
GIRLS GOT ME
GOOD. DOC SAID
MY HEAD SHOULD BE
BACK TO NORMAL
SHAPE IN A WEEK.
ANYHOWSITS,
WELCOME TO...

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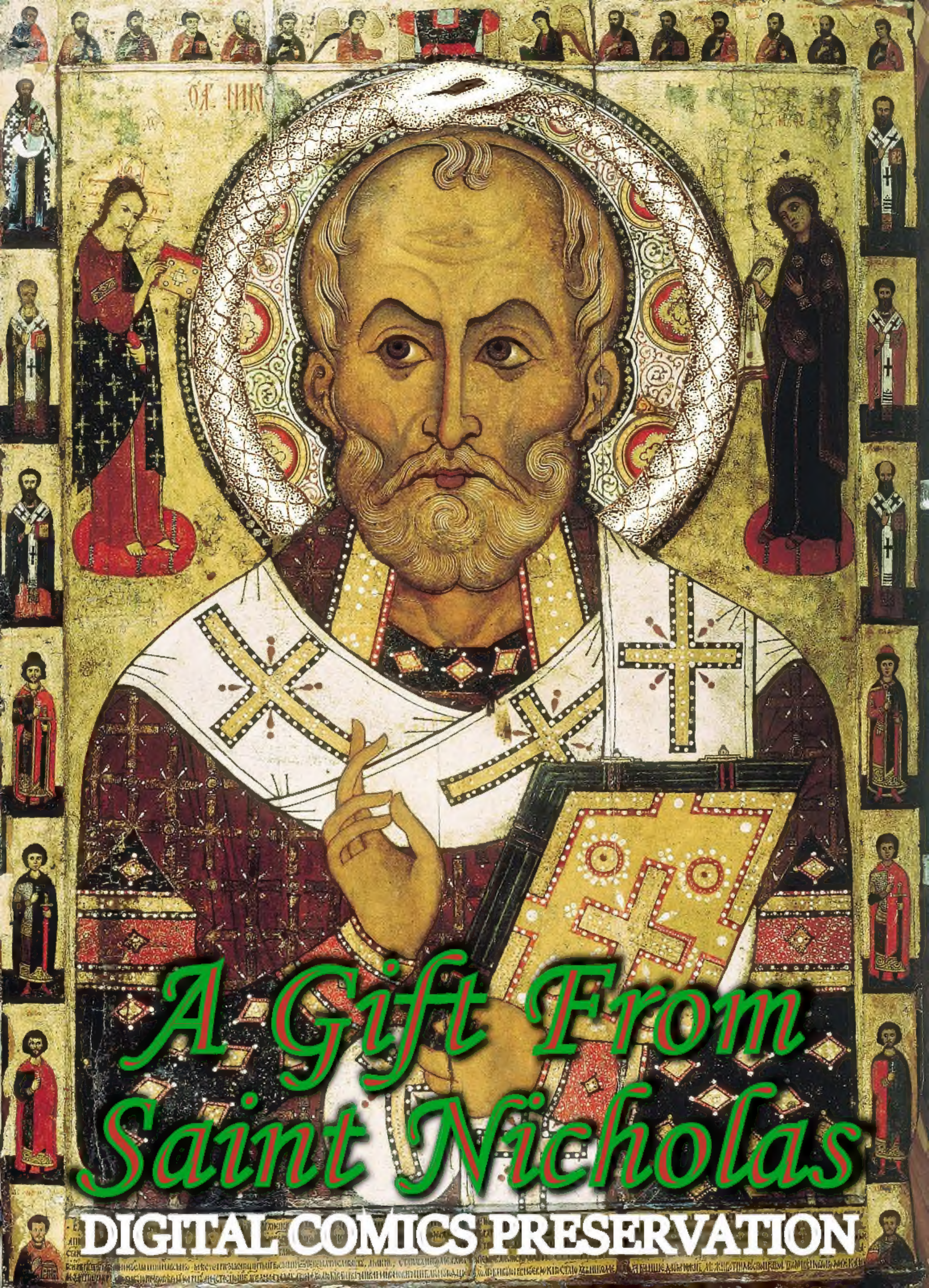


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